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SUBJECT: DUBAI GOVT TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR DESALINATION OF WATER
WITH UK

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM MANAGER OF KENNEDY
AND DONKIN, A BRITISH FIRM OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS LONG
ESTABLISHED IN THE UAE. THE MANAGER (A MR. HOLDEN) ASKED
THE EMBASSY FOR A COPY OF A REPORT ON NUCLEAR DESALINATION
OF WATER ASSERTEDLY PREPARED BY A US DEPT OF INTERIOR TEAM
IN THE UAE PURSUANT TO A US-UAE AGREEMENT. (FYI - THERE
IS NO SUCH REPORT. INQUIRY WAS PRESUMABLY STIMULATED BY
LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ABOUT U.S. BUREC WATZR AUGMENTATION
PROPOSAL, ONE OF WHICH ERRONEOUSLY IMPLIED A PROPOSED
DESALINATION PLANT AT DIBBA ON UAE EAST COASTMIGHT BE
NUCLEAR POWERED.)

2. THE BRITISH FIRM WANTED THE REPORT BECAUSE, ACCORDING
TO HOLDEN, THE FIRM IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UK'S ATOMIC
ENERGY AUTHORITY AND BOTH THE FIRM AND THE AUTHORITY PLAN
TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF ERECTING A NUCLEAR DESALINA-
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TION PLANT IN DUBAI WITH AMBASSADOR TAJIR IN LONDON DURING
THE COMING WEEK.

3. TAJIR ONCE ASSERTED TO OIC DUBAI THAT AUNUCLEAR
DESALINATION PLANT WOULD BETTER SERVE THE EMIRATE'S LONG-
TERM NEEDS FOR WATER THAN FOSSIL-FUEL PLANTS. IF THIS
INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE DUBAI GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUS,

THIS MAY REPRESENT A COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US FIRMS.
IT MAY ALSO RAISE A NUMBER OF POLICY QUESTIONS AS THE UAE,
SO FAR AS WE KNOW, IS NOT A SIGNATORY TO ANY OF THE CON-
VENTIONS SAFEGUARDING THE PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY.
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